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DATA DISSEMINATION PRACTICES APPEAR POSSIBLY REPEAT

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POSSIBLY LESS THAN FORTHRIGHT. CERTAIN PRACTICES MAY HAVE PURPOSE OF INHIBITING AVAILABILITY OF LANDSAT DATA ACQUIRED BY BRAZIL. SUCH PRACTICES INCLUDE: A) REQUIREMENT THAT PERSONS WISHING TO OBTAIN CATALOG LISTINGS OF INPE-ACQUIRED LANDSAT DATA AS WELL AS DATA THEMSELVES MUST COMPLETE LENGTHY APPLICATION FORM WHICH ASKS FOR BACKGROUND ON PROSPECTIVE USER, PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES; B) HIGH PRICES FOR INPE-ACQUIRED DATA (300 DOLLARS PER SCENE VERSUS 12 DOLLARS FROM US DISTRIBUTION CENTER).

- 2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, BRAZIL PROPOSED CHANGES TO DATA AVAILABILITY PROVISION OF 1973 AGREEMENT WHICH US WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT.
- 3. AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN STATE
 , NASA PLANS TO DISCUSS BRAZILIAN PRACTICES WITH
 INPE OFFICIALS DURING BILATERAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
 MEETING (HELD PERIODICALLY, THIS TIME AT INPE IN LATE
 SEPTEMBER). NASA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FRUTKIN PLANS ATTEND WORKING GROUP
 MEETING. FRUTKIN ALSO ASKING INPE TO ARRANGE DISCUSSIONS
 WITH GOB OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA AVAILABILITY
 POLICIES IN ORDER EXPLAIN BACKGROUND OF US POSITIONS ON
 THIS SUBJECT IN UN AND ELSEWHERE. (FRUTKIN HAS WORKED
 CLOSELY WITH DEPT. IN DEVELOPMENT THESE POSITIONS AND
 REPRESENTED US IN UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE ON THIS
 SUBJECT.) FRUTKIN WILL OF COURSE VISIT EMBASSY TO
 DISCUSS ISSUES.
- 3. DEPARTMENT AND NASA AGREE THAT FOR PRESENT MATTER TO BE CONFINED THIS LEVEL. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT DESIRE EMBASSY APPROACHES OR OTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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